

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 14th June 2009**

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## **Bereavement**

We wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to Eddie EI3FFB on the recent death of his mother. May she rest in peace

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## **Amateur Station Licence Regulations and the Theory**

### **Examination**

Candidates sitting the examination on 30th June should note that the question paper for this examination will be based on the regulations in force prior to 1st June 2009. This has been agreed with ComReg in the interest of fairness to the candidates concerned.

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## **80m Counties Contest**

The Summer 80m Counties Contest takes place on Sunday 21st June from 1400 to 1700utc (note 1500 to 1800 local time). As part of a demonstration exercise AREN will locate a station at the new Civil Defence Headquarters in Roscrea for the duration of the contest. The station will demonstrate to various government Departments and Agencies our ability to establish a nationwide HF radio network.

Operators are encouraged to participate in the contest in the normal fashion, if not for all then at least for part of the afternoon. Stations working the Roscrea station will score contest points in the normal way, though we would ask that you give your nearest town as well as your county. The call sign of the Roscrea station will be EI0RTS.

It would assist with the evaluation of the exercise if some stations could call Roscrea at the end of the contest and give their claimed QSO numbers and number of counties. Note that the Roscrea station will not submit an entry to the contest but will provide a check log to the contest manager.

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## **IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day**

The IRTS VHF/UHV Field Day is nearly upon us again. The Committee in trying to improve the contest has decided to add extra bands in the restricted section.

Up to now the Restricted Section was 144MHz only. Now you can use any single band of the VHF/UHF bands.

Rule 5.2 will be changed to read:

Restricted Section A. 50MHz B. 70MHz C. 144MHz D. 432MHz E. 1296MHz

There is still only one single band permitted in this section but now you have a choice of which band you want to try in the contest.

We do hope this will spur some more activity from the clubs and individuals in the VHF/UHF Field Day.

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### **RSGB elects a new President**

At the May meeting of the RSGB National Council, the council elected David Wilson, M0OBW to serve as RSGB President for 2010 and 2011.

David currently holds the Emerging Technologies and RSGB Convention portfolio on the RSGB Board. He is also very active in the Train the Trainer programme.

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### **Mayo Radio Experimenters**

Members of the Mayo Radio experimenters are anxious to make radio contact with as many stations in Connaught as possible, during the month of June, as part of their monthly, members-only contest. Operators will be on HF on Sundays after the IRTS 80mt news, on or around 3.680MHz SSB.

The club operates a net on Sunday evenings after the 8pm news service from the county. Frequencies are 145.6 - the Mayo repeater, 50.450MHz, 70.375MHz, and 433.450MHz - all FM. The May Competition was won by Brendan Minish, EI6IZ, runner-up was John Corless, EI7IQ, with John McAndrew, EI3JM in third.

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society**

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society celebrates its 40th anniversary this year as part of the celebrations the club will have 48 hours activity on all bands in Clogherhead on the

20th and 21st June. If you are in the area call in and say hi, if you are on on the bands give the Society a call. There is also an article about the club in the local paper and also a video, the link is available at.

[www.dundalkdemocrat.ie/](http://www.dundalkdemocrat.ie/)

As part of their anniversary, Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, will be activating their Club call EI7DAR on the weekend June 21/22nd. They will also be taking part in the IRTS 80M Counties Contest (summer) 2009, as EI7DAR/P (on Sunday afternoon) including, as an exercise, the testing of emergency comms country wide, in co-operation with AREN on 80 M.

ATV video of the events will be relayed to the web site [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com) If things go well, the group hope to have 'live streaming' of the activity, as much as possible. This will be a test of comms for ATV enthusiasts, on both weekends.

For more info see [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

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## **Rallies**

### Bangor and District ARS - Radio and Computer Rally

The 2009 rally is to be held on Sunday 14th June 2009, At 12 Noon in "The Country Club", Crawfordsburn. ADMISSION £2 INCLUDING 2 RAFFLE TICKETS ! The all new RSGB GB4FUN ! Trade Stands ,Bring and Buy ,BDARS Slide Show

A good selection of radio and computer traders will be in attendance Special interest groups will have their own stands .The ever popular FREE bring and buy will be running as normal

Contact Bill GI4AAM for further details: Tel: 028 9181 6707

Website [www.bdars.com](http://www.bdars.com)

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## **History This Week**

1869 I.W. McGaffey, Chicago, IL patents the suction vacuum cleaner.

1902 Colour TV patented by Otto von Bronk, Germany.

1943 Laslo Biro, Hungary, patents the ball point pen.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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